GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4182
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2000
DEPUTATION TO UNO AND AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS
REENA CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Forum of SC/ST MPs in the representations submitted to thePrime Minister on 17.12.1996, 1.9.1997 and 23.7.1998 have demanded posting of adequate number of SCs/STs Officers in the posts/assignmentsunder UNO and its affiliated Organizations in India and abroad;

(b)if so, the action taken thereon and the number of Officers belonging to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting working in the above posts as on 1.1.1996 in the grade of class I, II, III, and IV and persons belonging to theSCs/STs among them and their percentage as compared to the total posts; (

(c)the number of officers posted to the above posts during 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 and persons belonging to the SCs/STs among them and their percentage as compared to the posts filled in during the said period, year- wise; and

(d)the reasons, if no action is taken on the said representation of the SC/ST MPs Forum?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (d): The memoranda urged the Government of India for takingcomprehensive measures for development of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, inter-alia, requesting for posting of suitable persons belonging to the SCs/STs for posts of importance like Governors, Ambassadors, Members of Planning Commission, Secretaries to the Government of India,Members of UPSC, PESB, etcSelection of an expert for assignment to the UNand its allied agencies is made on the requisition of the organization and nominations are made by the Government of India from a panel of eligible experts.

(b) No officer in Class I, II, III and IV of the Ministry was working in UNO anditsaffiliated Organizations, in India or abroad, as on 1.1.96.

(c) One officer belonging to Unreserved category, in the grade of Class I wasappointed as Consultant in UNDP, India, in the year 1998. While no officer of the Ministry was posted to UNO and its affiliated Organizations, in India and abroad,during 1996, 1997 and 1999.